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Filed: September 30, 1999 Examiner: Justin PHILPOTT  
For: COMMUNICATION NETWORK, AND MASTER DEVICE,  
SLAVE DEVICE, MULTIPLEXER SWITCH CONSTITUTING  
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In reply to the Office Action dated April 15, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amended Claim Set; and

Remarks

Appl. No. 09/409,681

The amendments presented herein comply with the "Revised Amendment Format" as set forth in the Official Gazette Notice dated February 25, 2003. In accordance with the Notice, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d) are waived.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final in the above-identified application.

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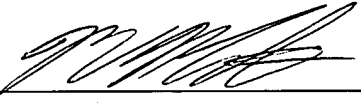
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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